

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments presented herein, and reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-53 are presently pending. Claims 27, 32, and 46-50 are amended herein. Claims 1-19, 33-35, and 51-53 are withdrawn herein. No new claims are added herein.

Claim Amendments

[0004] Claims 27, 32, and 46-50 are each amended to improve readability.

Election/Restriction

[0005] The claims are subjected to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing five patentably distinct species:

Specie 1 Fig. 14 Claims 1-10 (specific technique for transmitting and receiving data based on Number of bits).

Specie 2 Fig. 13 Claims 11-16 (specific technique for transmitting and receiving data based on contention).

Specie 3 Fig. 5 Claims 17-19, 33-35 (Queuing of transmitted and received messages).

Specie 4 Fig. 9 Claims 23-32, 46-49 (channel allocation).

Specie 5 Fig. 11 Claims 51-53 (Transmission delay technique for queued messages).

[0006] Claims 1-50 are pending in the Application, and the species identified in the Office Action (as shown above) account for claims 1-19, 23-35, 46-49, and 51-53. However, claims 20-22, 36-45, and 50 are not encompassed in any of the identified species.

[0007] Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species 4 (claims 23-32 and 46-49). However, Applicant requests that claims 20-22, 36-45, and 50 also be examined along with elected claims 23-32 and 46-49, or that a corrected Restriction Requirement be issued.

[0008] Consequently, claims 1-19, 33-35, and 51-53 are effectively withdrawn.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0009] If the Office's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned Agent for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issue quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0010] Otherwise, please contact me to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for me, I welcome your call as well. My contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Conclusion

[0011] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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